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Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 583

Intimations.

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Notes of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
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To Contributors.

Hongkong, May 31, 1884.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned has REMOVED to the rear of his former place of business, Entrance from Messrs. TUNNEY & Co.'s Lane.

WILLIAM DOLAN.
Hongkong, May 8, 1884. 786

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the First June next, the STORE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. EGA & SILVA & Co., No. 48, Queen's Road.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
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Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 791

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Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.
24th September, 1883. 611

Intimations.

NOTICE.

PERSONS desirous of exchanging Soiled ONE DOLLAR NOTES for CLEAN ONES may do so at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from this date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 902

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 3 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registers, Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above BUSINESS, will be commenced on the 1st May, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in Accordance with Resolution No. 2, passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 30th December, 1883, ALL SHARES NOT TAKEN UP by the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th CALLS paid on or before the 30th JUNE NEXT, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion, they shall think best in the interests of the Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 24, 1884. 712

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS for THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the DOCKING, CLEANING, PAINTING, &c., of VESSELS. THE ENGINE WORKS in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of experienced EXPERTS and possess all the necessary appliances for REPAIRS to STEAMERS and MACHINERY.

HOLME, RINGER & Co.,
Nagasaki, March, 1884. 645

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS, WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been newly FURNISHED throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for either MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

THE TABLE will be supplied with the BEST market can provide.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals, such as TIFINS and DINNERS, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

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(OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.)

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NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S SCOTCH WHISKY, a Very Fine Old Spirit, in square bottles.

Hongkong, April 19, 1884. 679

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Hongkong, May 26, 1884. 780

Intimations.

NOTICE.

SAYLE & Co. beg to inform their Customers and the Public in general that in consequence of the Death of the SENIOR PARTNER, the BUSINESS carried on in Hongkong will be CLOSED on or before the 31st MAY, and the whole of the STOCK is now offered at a REDUCTION of 45 per cent. on the Market Prices. Special terms will be made for parcels of Goods over \$100 in value purchased at one time.

All Sales from this date will be for Cash. Customers are requested to make immediate Payment of Amounts due by them to the late FIRM.

SAYLE & Co.,
Victoria Exchange, Hongkong.
Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 899

D. K. GRIFFITH
HAS OPENED HIS
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In rear of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

THE NEW RAPID DRY PLATES, he is now working, are Twenty Times quicker than the Old process and make Portraits of Children easy and certain to secure.

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NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG AND THE COAST PORTS ALWAYS READY.
Hongkong, May 24, 1884. 865

1,450 Prizes. \$50,000. 1,450 Prizes. THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB MILEURNE CUP CONSULTATION—1884.

MEMBERS \$1—FACIT. To be run on the Flemington Race Course, Melbourne, in November, 1884.

Distribution as follows:—
First Horse, \$25,000; Second, \$12,500; Third, \$6,250; Fourth, \$3,125; Fifth, \$1,562; Sixth, \$781; Seventh, \$390; Eighth, \$195; Ninth, \$97; Tenth, \$48.
Total, \$50,000.

THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB Beg to inform the Sporting Public of China that they have made arrangements for holding a \$50,000 CONSULTATION on the forthcoming MELBOURNE CUP of 1884, when about 1,450 Prizes will be awarded to the Fortunate Holders of the winning Numbers.

The Highest Prize being \$25,000; and the Lowest £10. Less 15 per cent. for expenses. Winning Numbers can be forwarded for payment or collection to the Manager of any Bank, either in Sydney (N. S. Wales), or Melbourne (Victoria). Drawing will take place under the Committee of Management, about four clear days before the Day of Race. Result Slips are forwarded to all Subscribers. Any Subscriber can be present at the drawing either in person or by proxy, on making application to the Secretary in writing. Add 1/6 for Reply and Result. Drafts or P. O. Orders to be made payable to JAMES WALLACE, Secretary, S. J. T. O., 209, Oxford Street, Sydney, Australia. 884

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Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 158

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Hongkong, May 26, 1884. 780

Intimations.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passages through to London via Marseilles, including Continental Railway fares, at the same rate as for the route by sea to London, viz. \$380.

The fare to Marseilles is now similar to that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz. \$355.

A. MEYER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 455

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

To Let.

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THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 226

TO LET.

N. O. 25B, PRAYA CENTRAL. Nos. 7 and 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE. No. 7, GARDEN ROAD (known as 'HARPERVILLE').

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, May 26, 1884. 871

TO LET, FURNISHED.

TO LET, FURNISHED, No. 10, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to MANAGER, China Mail Office.
Hongkong, April 15, 1884. 656

TO BE LET.

N. O. 2, DOUGLAS VILLAS, CAINE ROAD. Also, No. 6, UPPER MOSQUE TERRACE. Possession from 1st May.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, April 5, 1884. 606

GODOWNS TO LET.

PRAYA EAST AND WANGCHAI ROAD. For Particulars, apply to SIMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 28, 1882. 767

TO BE LET.

A FURNISHED HOUSE in one of the TERRACES. For Particulars, address 'J. D. B.' c/o China Mail Office.
Hongkong, March 26, 1884. 547

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. GUEDES has received instructions from the ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of the late ALEXANDRE ANTONIO DOS REZENDOS, Deceased, to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 12th day of June, 1884, at 3 o'clock p.m., on the Premises—the following VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

Situate at Springwood, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong.

All that Piece of GROUND registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 567. Together with the Five Messuages erections and buildings thereon and known as Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10, First Street, Springwood. Together also with a Messuage and Shop erected on the East side of the said piece of ground, fronting New East Street. There is a frontage to Second Street occupied as a Timber Yard. Annual Crown Rent \$20.19.4. The whole of the said premises are held for the residue of a term of 999 years from the 8th day of March, 1883, and will be sold subject to a Lease thereof granted to Mr. Cho Tak for a term of 5 years from the 30th day of June, 1883, at a monthly rental of \$150 a month payable quarterly and to the payment of the Crown Rent and to the Covenants and Conditions contained in the Crown Lease thereof. A portion of the purchase money can be advanced on Mortgage of this Property.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor,
18, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road, Hongkong;

or to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 904

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 14th day of June, 1884, at 3 p.m., All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 344, measuring on the North side 64 feet, South and East 45 feet, North and East 60 feet, South and West 100 feet, or 3,045 square feet. Together with the 2 HOUSES known as Nos. 29 and 31, in Mosque Street. Yearly Crown Rent \$3.10.

Lot 2. The HOUSE No. 33, in Mosque Junction measuring 15 1/2 by 52 feet registered in the Land Office as Subsection No. 2 of Section C of INLAND LOT No. 348. For Particulars, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 905

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

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A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.

By DR. E. J. EITEL.

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A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 115

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF LOGAN at CANTON that appeared in the China Mail has been printed in PAMPHLET FORM, and is now on Sale.—Price,

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Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

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WILL GIVE A
SECOND AND LAST GRAND CONCERT
TO-MORROW EVENING,
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Prices of Admission:
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Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. KELLY
& WALES'S, H. SORONG HOTEL, and at the
Hall on the Night of the Concert.
Hongkong, May 27, 1884. 884

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual
General Meeting of the VICTORIA
RECREATION CLUB will be held in the
Premises of Club on MONDAY NEXT,
the 4th June, at 5 p.m.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary,
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.
Hongkong, June 2, 1884. 918

COLONIE DE LA COCHINCHINE.

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CONFORMEMENT aux dispositions ar-
rêtees par le CONSEIL COLONIAL
dans sa session du 26 Decembre dernier.
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l'exportation, devront faire parvenir leur
demande en autorisation à l'Administration
avant le 1^{er} Septembre, 1884, accompagnée
des plans et indications propres à permettre
d'apprécier l'importance et l'economie de
l'établissement projeté.

1^{re}—La distillerie devra être établie à Sai-
gon ou sur le territoire du 20^{me} arron-
dissement. Tous les bâtiments seront
construits en murs de briques, couverts
en tuiles, et attenant les uns aux autres
et réunis dans une enceinte parfaite-
ment close. Un légionnaire commandant
compagnie de deux pièces et des denrées
nécessaires y sera menagé pour le
propos de la Régie.

2^{de}—La fabrication et la sortie des alcools
seront soumises au régime de l'exercice.
Le concessionnaire devra se soumettre à
tous les règlements pris par l'autorité
locale pour la surveillance et le contrôle
de cette industrie.

3^{de}—Pendant trois années et jusqu'à con-
currence de 2,000,000 de litres d'alcool
en exercice, la fabrication pour l'ex-
portation sera exempte de tous droits
dans la Colonie. Passé ce délai, ou une
fois le chiffre de deux millions de
litres atteint, chaque hectolitre d'alcool
exporté sera frappé d'un droit de
cinquante cents ou remplacé par le
impôt foncier et pour couvrir les frais
de surveillance.

4^{de}—Bien que les alcools fabriqués dans ces
distilleries soient spécialement destinés
à l'exportation, le Concessionnaire
pourra, au renouvellement des baux,
concourir pour l'exploitation d'une ou
plusieurs concessions pour la consom-
mation dans l'intérieur de la Colonie,
en acquittant les droits et en se sou-
mettant à la réglementation locale.

5^{de}—La distillerie devra être prête à fonc-
tionner le 1^{er} Janvier, 1885.

6^{de}—Le gerant devra être agréé par l'Ad-
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THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on
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THE WHOLE OF HIS
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FENDERS and IRONS, &c., &c.
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ROBES, COUCHES, MARBLE-TOP WASHING STAND,
DRESSING TABLES, CRYSTAL GLASS, SHAN-
HAI BATH, &c., &c., &c.
FLOWERS in POTTS, &c., &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued previous to the
sale, and the above will be on view on and
after Saturday next.
TERMS of SALE.—As customary.
G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, June 2, 1884. 919

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We turn to the French version published later on, and which is made the authoritative version in case of dispute, the stipulation seems a very different one. It simply says that in the new and definitive Treaty which France is about to make with the Court at Huế, and which will annul all existing stipulations in regard to Tonquin, France engages not to use expressions derogatory to the dignity of China. That is a very different thing. For by clause 2 China has undertaken not to interfere with the provisions of any future Treaty which France may make with Annam, and as this same future definitive Treaty will be just such as France may be pleased to dictate, it may and very likely will abrogate all existing stipulations relative to Tonquin in one stroke, and cede the country out and out to France in the next. We do not profess to be able to fathom the reasons which induced the negotiators to make the French and Chinese versions bear a different meaning on such an important point. It could not possibly have been a chance misunderstanding; the scholarship of the assistants on both sides preclude such a supposition. We must therefore conclude that it was done for a purpose, and as the first and most natural result has been to deceive the Chinese as to the real nature of the agreement, it can hardly be deemed unfair if we conclude that that was the object.

In other respects too the clauses of the Convention bear a plausible air of well-balanced mutual concessions. France has given satisfactory guarantees to China that she will respect the Southern border and secure it against all comers, and therefore China agrees forthwith to recall her troops from Tonquin. Of course we know very well that France has given no guarantee whatever any more than she was always willing to give, namely, her word that she did not meditate any aggression on China proper in the meantime. That she will guarantee the border against attack from other nations we can well believe, but who will guarantee the gunnery? It was precisely this presence of a powerful nation on the immediate frontier which China has all along objected to as being a danger and standing menace to her internal peace, and now we are given to understand that she has suddenly been converted to see in this presence her real security. We always thought the alien of China at the idea of being immediate neighbour to a strong European Power was exaggerated, but whatever of reason there was in it before still exists. France can build her forts now under the very noses of the mandarins, and though we doubt not she is for the moment perfectly sincere in her disclaimer of all aggressive intention, there is no saying how soon things may alter. There are enough restless spirits in the Great Republic, and should the mines of Tonquin prove a delusion, those of Yunnan may tempt them onwards.

After all it is perhaps rather irksome to begrudge the gilding of the pill. The bolus had to be swallowed somehow, and the easier the process was made the better. Only we wish it to be noted that there has been a gilding, and if by chance some of it should come off before the dose is well got down, the gorge of the patient might rise yet.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 1st June.
MORE DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS IN LONDON.
Three separate explosions of dynamite took place almost simultaneously in St. James's Square, and another in Scotland Yard, causing immense damage. Several persons have been injured and great excitement prevails.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL:—Hesperia, May 19; Deucland, May 22.
The S. S. *Leviathan* left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst.

DOCK MOVEMENTS:—
The *Star of China* will go to Kowloon Dock to-day.
The S. S. *Uganda* will go to Aberdeen Dock to-day.

The delivery of the English Mail was begun at 4.45 this afternoon.

FURTHER EVIDENCE has been taken at Singapore in the piracy case, and the prisoners have been committed for trial.

THE P. & O. steamer *Masilin* brings London mails up to May 2nd, and as she arrived here to-day, June 2nd, her mails are just one month old.

20,117 proof gallons of spirits were manufactured at the China Sugar Refining Company's establishment at East Point during the quarter ending 26th May.

THE S. S. *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco by the 16th ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail for this port on Wednesday, the 4th inst.

DR WILLIAM YOUNG, who has just returned to the Colony after a lengthened absence, has registered himself as a qualified medical and surgical practitioner, and a notification to this effect appears in Saturday's *Gazette*.

THE STEAMER *Saito* will tow down to Haiphong another iron lighter just constructed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The lighter will be used in transporting French Government stores on the rivers in Tonquin.

WE ARE REQUESTED to state that the parade service at St. John's Cathedral will, until further notice, be held at 8 o'clock on Sunday mornings instead of 8.45, and that Holy Communion will be held after the service on the second Sunday in the month.

A TELEGRAM was received in Singapore from Penang on the 26th May, announcing the arrival there of Messrs. Apeel & Co.'s steamer *Japan*, from Calcutta, under sail, her machinery having broken down off Akaba.

We learn from the agents here, Messrs D. Sassoon, Sons & Co., that the S.S. *Japan* was telegraphed to leave Singapore for this port on Friday last, the 30th inst.

The steamer *Asakura* has not yet, says the *Strait Times* of the 27th May, been got off the reef on which she struck at Pedra Branca. Mr. G. Wishart, of the New Harbour Dock, is endeavouring to get her off, and has with him the steamer *Atoll* and the tug *Bangkok*, and is also providing himself with a number of iron tanks with which to keep the steamer afloat in case of getting her off the reef.

The woman Un A Ngan, who was brought before Mr. Wise on Saturday last for attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour, was to-day discharged, her husband engaging to look after her. There was no evidence to show that her mind was affected seriously, but her husband appears to have been out of work for some time, and the 'hard times' consequent upon the stoppage of income appear to have had much effect upon her, and to have induced her to come to the conclusion that life was not worth the living.

It has been decided by the 'powers that be' at the Central Police Station that for the future the variegated and picturesque constabulary of the jirikahs and chair coolies plying their vehicles for hire in the streets of Victoria shall be totally abolished, and that the coolies shall all blossom out in uniform suits of dark blue or purple. Those suits are to be provided at the expense of the proprietors of the 'rickshaws and chairs, and are shortly to come into general use. About a hundred 'rickshaws were brought up to the compound at the Central Station for examination this morning, and the coolies in charge all appeared in the new livery; but how long they will retain their clean and decent appearance remains to be seen.

THIS afternoon, the British str. *Glenaville*, of Lond., Captain John G. Wright, was towed into Hongkong Harbour by the China and Manila Steamship Company's new steamer *Zephyr*, Captain Talbot. Captain Wright reports that he left Newcastle, New South Wales, on the 10th April last, laden with coals and bound for Hongkong. For a few days after leaving Newcastle, stormy weather was experienced. This was succeeded by light winds and calms. On the 26th April, the thrust shaft and black smoke, and from that date until the 31st May, a period of thirty-five days, the vessel drifted about from day to day. When picked up, the *Glenaville* was in latitude 21° 30' north, and longitude 118° 53' East; and the *Zephyr* was then on her way from Amoy to Manila. Several attempts were made to repair the broken shaft, but they were all unsuccessful.

THREE separate explosions of dynamite in St. James's Square and another in Scotland Yard, inflicting several persons and causing immense damage, must undoubtedly be causing immense excitement in London at the present time. The audacity of these dynamiters could not go beyond arranging an explosion in the headquarters of the London detective force. Most rigorous measures have for some time been taken to check these dastardly and senseless outrages; if they prevailed in Ireland the country could be placed under military law, but it is a herculean and well nigh impossible task to put a stop to them in England, so long as cunning and reckless men are willing to risk their lives in perpetrating them. The outrages must arouse such a strong feeling of hate and antagonism to everything Irish among the English people that these explosions, instead of promoting the cause of the Nationalist party, must have a directly opposite effect.

A PAINTER named Wong Ayan, living at No. 4 Wing On Lane, Sai-ying-poon, committed suicide on Saturday evening last, by cutting his throat with a Chinese clep-knife. An inquest was held on the body of the deceased man at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon by the Coroner, Mr. A. G. Wise, and a jury consisting of Messrs E. P. de Rozario, F. A. Marjot and H. A. Duch, when evidence was adduced showing that the deceased had for some time passed being considered by his companions to be of unsound mind. A number of other painters lodged together in the same house with Wong Ayan, and on Saturday morning they all went to their work at about 6 o'clock except the deceased man, who remained in the house alone. The other men returned in the evening at 7 o'clock and were sitting down to arrange, together about the payment of the month's rent, when it was noticed that there was something dripping down from the cock-loft above. Upon getting a light it was seen that it was blood that was falling from above, and several of the men went up into the cock-loft to see what was wrong. There they saw the deceased man lying on his back on the bed with his throat cut. They did not know if he was dead then, but two of them at once went to report the matter to No. 7 Police Station, and an ambulance was sent by the Police and deceased was taken to the Hospital. The body was quite cold when removed to the Hospital. Two of the deceased man's fellow lodgers stated

that he had been considered wrong in his mind for some time past, and that he was not on bad terms with any one. From the medical evidence it appeared that death was caused by hemorrhage from the wound on the throat, which was about two inches long and might have been inflicted by the knife produced. Had the bleeding been stopped in time the man's life might have been saved. The knife was found on the bed close to deceased's left hand.

A verdict was returned to the effect that death was caused by wounds self-inflicted by deceased while labouring under temporary insanity.

THE shooting match which came off between a team of eight members of the Police Force, and a like number of Sergeants of the Royal Artillery, resulted in a rather severe defeat of the Artillerymen. This result is hardly to be wondered at, however; the police team was composed of a number of the best and most reliable shooters the force contains, men who can make fairly good scores under the most unfavourable conditions, who know the range and who have had considerable practice; the Artillerymen, on the contrary, had no force to choose from—the two batteries can only muster eight Sergeants all told—and they knew not the range, nor had they practised. Under these circumstances, the Artillerymen are more to be congratulated on their pluck in boldly facing the redoubtable champions of the blue cloth, than are the Police on their somewhat hollow victory. The atmospheric conditions on Saturday afternoon were not altogether favourable; there was a strong glare out, and a stiff breeze blew at intervals from the right rear. Nevertheless some of the Police team totted up good scores, Inspector Thomson, Sergeant Mann, Constable Cameron and Sergeant McKay all getting above 50. The average score of the Police team was close on 50, while that of the Artillerymen was a shade over 41. The full scores are given below:—

POWDER TEAM.
Inspector Thomson, 22 22 24 28 38
Sergeant Mann, 22 23 23 23 68
Constable Cameron, 22 21 19 63
Sergeant J. McKay, 22 19 21 62
Inspector Quinlan, 21 14 20 35
Sergeant Burdell, 21 19 11 54
Sergeant Kemp, 23 19 11 53
Sergeant Robertson, 20 14 16 50
Grand Total.....471

ARTILLERY TEAM.
Sergeant Savage, 21 17 18 56
Sergeant Major Clarke, 22 19 23 64
Sergeant Houghton, 22 16 14 52
Sergeant Carroll, 13 10 16 39
Sergeant Burdell, 20 16 6 36
Sergeant Cooper, 16 14 6 36
Sergeant Wright, 14 3 12 29
Sergeant Melvin, 15 9 3 27
Grand Total.....329

PERING, 26th May.—A Decree has been issued by the Empress, ordering T'ien Yün-shing, Viceroy of Yun-kwei, and Tang Chung, Governor of Yunnan, to start a public mining company, the object of which shall be to open all the mines in Yunnan which produce gold, silver, copper, or any other minerals of value.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Agents for the 'Glen' line of steamers, received a telegram to-day (May 28th) stating that the s.s. *Glenaville* arrived at Singapore yesterday morning; and that she left on the same date, after having taken in 1,100 tons of coals. There is no hour mentioned in the telegram; but accepting that the steamer arrived at Singapore at 8 a.m., this gives her a very fair run down the vessel having left the Red Sea at 4 p.m. on the 20th instant; she thus making the run in about six days and sixteen hours; about the same time she made last season. —*Singapore Mercury*.

Our Chinkiang correspondent writes on the 23rd instant as follows:—The British steamer *Glenaville*, from Hongkong, passed through at 7 p.m. yesterday for Hankow in charge of Mr. Pilot Fihben. The British steamer *Opacat* arrived this morning at 5.15 and anchored off the north shore on account of the fog; she weighed anchor and proceeded at 6.45 a.m. The steamer *Opacat* passed through at 6 a.m., bound home, with new tea. The steamer *Glaze* is expected down to-night or to-morrow morning. —*Singapore Mercury*.

Advices from Bangkok disclose an alarming political crisis. The Kahlomine is reported to have virtually resigned his post, and the Kromma has given back to the King his yacht, on the grounds that since His Majesty has taken from him the substantial benefits of his post, he is unable to keep up a style befitting his official dignity. A powerful cabal is reported as having been formed by the leading nobles against the King, who has himself distasteful to that body by what they consider the curtailment of their privileges and the strengthening of the royal power. To complicate matters, and accentuate the crisis, the French have made preposterous demands for the rectification of the frontier, and it is rumoured that a party in the capital are supporting the idea of French interference as against King. It is said that the demands of the French have created great alarm in the palace, and have in a manner paralysed the Councils of His Majesty, who dare not give direct advice in such a compromising situation. —*Strait Times*.

'Baron von Hanburg,' ex-archbishop of the Ceylon province, styled 'Baron Homburg,' who insipidly, under colour of being a wealthy foreign nobleman of estates as unimpeachable as his manners, victimized Ceylon society, has received his deserts. Jewellers and storekeepers suffered severely from the 'Baron,' but their grief was nothing to the imposition practised on the elite of Colombo society by the prisoner, who seems to have been a man of exceedingly fascinating manners, which, in two instances, completely broke the heart of the Ceylon ladies. The 'Baron' was arraigned at the late Criminal Assizes in Colombo for obtaining under false pretences Rs. 15 from the Secretary of the Grand Oriental Company. He it appears, went to the prosecutor on one morning, and asked him to cash his (the Baron's) cheque for Rs. 150, stating that he had Rs. 40,000 in the bank, but that he was on holiday he could not draw any money out on that day. On that statement the prosecutor cashed his cheque, the prisoner went up country, and, as was disclosed, and information having been given to the police, the 'Baron' was arrested under the assumed name of Captain Taylor, an Indian Town. The jury found the prisoner guilty on this charge, and he was remanded for sentence.

Being a European, the prisoner could not get the four other charges standing against the Baron. The Chief Justice, having taken into consideration that the prisoner was not a native of a tropical climate, and the position in which he stood, sentenced him to three years imprisonment with hard labour. The Chief Justice passed such a sentence, so he said, to hold out to others the certainty, if they endeavoured to travel in the path of the prisoner, of the punishment that will overtake them. Such exemplary punishment seems necessary in Ceylon and British Burma, which lately have been the happy hunting ground of *de charivari* *de charivari*. In the latter place a noted character called Sydney, alias Roseman, alias Lewis, is wanted by the authorities to account for the sum of Rs. 30,000 out of which he has defrauded a European firm, who took him in their employ as book-keeper and cashier. Sydney is making for the Burmese frontier, so as to reach Siam, and unusual efforts are being made by the police to capture this daring clever swindler. —*Strait Times*.

THE 'NISERO' CASE.
We hear from Penang that the *Nisero* case is no nearer settlement than ever. H.M.S. *Regulus* left Singapore in the beginning of the month with two hundred pounds worth of provisions, &c., for the imprisoned crew, sailing first at Odeh, where the commander saw the Governor, and then proceeding to Tenon, where the Dutch consuls raised the blockade while the gunboat was there. She remained there for some three days, but communication with the shore was impossible owing to the heavy sea. The natives came down and made some signals, but nothing could be done owing to the state of the weather. She then proceeded some 15 to 20 miles further to Bubon, where a landing was effected, and interviewed the chiefs there, who appeared as friendly as on a previous occasion. The provisions were sent up country to where the men are—80 per cent being charged for the transit. Letters were also sent from the commander of the *Regulus* to the Rajah and to Tokoyti, and these were answered in five or six days' time. The Rajah still declined to give up the men, saying that if England really wanted them, she must get the Dutch to agree to the Rajah's terms. Tokoyti's letter was in a different strain. He professed friendship for the English, and said he would do all in his power to get the men released, but that unfortunately he was sick just then, and could do nothing. As soon as he was recovered he would, however, do all in his power to get the men released. The Rajah sent by the same opportunity a receipt for the provisions; he had got them all right and had distributed the forty cases among the crew; but he would not hear of any communication between the *Regulus* and the crew. It was understood that he feared some attempt to assist them to escape. The *Regulus* then went to Anaboe, where the commander had communication with the Resident and took some more provisions for the Dutch at Anaboe and landed them there, as well as some provisions which had been left by the Italian corvette *Caracciolo*, which also were forwarded, so that the men who are detained are now very well provided if the provisions are dealt fairly out to them. So far as the commander of the *Regulus* could ascertain from friendly natives, the imprisoned men were well but suffering great inconvenience and discomfort from the very heavy rains, the island to which they had been moved having been entirely flooded, so that they had to be taken to another island further up the river till the rains subsided. The Achinese generally in Tenon were, it was ascertained, getting tired of having these prisoners amongst them, and would be glad to see them given up on some arrangement being made; but the Rajah had set his face against the British and would hear of nothing of the sort, and evidently was not prepared to give them up until his terms

are agreed to by the Dutch, who so far from appearing to yield to his demand had offered a reward of \$25,000, a number of muskets, and a quantity of gunpowder to any of the neighbouring chiefs who would effect the release of the men, or \$1,000 for each individual member of the crew who should be brought in; and some of the chiefs appeared to think they might be got in by two or three. The *Regulus* remains at Boing till the end of the month awaiting telegraphic advices from home.

STORM WARNINGS.
The following interesting information is published in the *Gazette*:—

Steps are being taken to erect a mast for hoisting storm-signals at Simu-sha Tsui Police Station. In the meantime, when notices will be given to the Harbour Office, the Telegraph Companies, and to the Newspapers.

In the China Sea the earliest signs of a dangerous atmospheric depression are clouds of the cirrus type travelling from the East or thereabout, a slight rise in the barometer, and light wind accompanied by a swell in the sea.

These signs are usually followed by a rapidly falling barometer with increasing temperature and humidity, while the sky presents a threatening and vaporous appearance. When the wind rises, it veers or backs according to the part of the depression in which the ship is situated, and according to the course steered with reference to the centre. If the barometer falls very rapidly, and the wind is steady but increasing in force, the ship is in danger of running into the centre of the depression. Masters of ships should bear in mind that the wind is incurring at some distance from the centre and especially in the rear of a typhoon.

Depressions may be encountered at any season of the year, but are very rare in winter and spring. They are most frequent in September. Typhoons cannot exist South of nine degrees northern latitude.

W. DORRICK,
Government Astronomer.
Hongkong Observatory, 25th May, 1884.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

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Cairo, May 18.—Mr. Clifford Lloyd has been granted two months' leave of absence on the grounds of ill-health.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS,
CALCUTTA AND ALL INDIAN
PORTS, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA
PORTS, SYRIAN PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA,
ALSO
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 12th June,
1884, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. *CAUSSE*, Commandant RABREY,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
noon of 11th June, 1884.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 11th June, 1884. (Parcels are not to
be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 30, 1884.

Insurances.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to Grant Policies on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above
Company, are authorized to issue
Policies on FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either
here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China, and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision. Protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-

PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Goods at 1
per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

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NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The latest Mail Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED at the "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE
in TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely-
printed matter.

THIS Mail Issue is chiefly compiled from
the daily *China Mail*, is published
twice a month on the morning of the
English Mail's departure, and is a full
record of each fortnight's current history
of events in China and Japan, con-
tributed in original reports and collated
from the journals published at the various
ports in these Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,
Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete
Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage
paid 2 cents). \$12 per annum (postage
paid \$2.50).

Orders should be sent to GEORGE MURRAY
BAIR, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham
Street, not later than noon of the day the
English Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily
China Mail.

Mr. Andrew Wind,

News Agent, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.
Is authorized to receive Subscriptions,
Advertisements, &c., for the *China Mail*,
Overland China Mail, and *China Review*.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables
the Rates are given in cents, and are, for
Letters, per half ounce, for Books and
Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight
may be sent as double, treble, &c., as the
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Commercial Papers signify such papers
as, though Written by Hand, do not bear
the character of an actual or personal cor-
respondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied
music, &c. The charge thereon is the same
as for books, but, whatever the weight of a
packet containing any partially written
paper, it will not be charged less than 5
cents.

The sender of any Registered Article
may accompany it with a Return Receipt
on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Com-
mercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is
4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited
to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these
dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2
inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

This Union may be taken to comprise
Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia,
Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritania, all
N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil,
Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine
Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana,
Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, with
all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portu-
guese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief
countries not in the Union are the Aus-
tralian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—
Letters, 10 cents per ½ oz.
Post Cards, 3 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz.
Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on reflected corre-
spondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and
Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Re-
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and
Patterns, 2. Via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Re-
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Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascen-
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2. The following cannot be transmitted:
Parcels insufficiently packed or protected,
or liable to be crushed (as bandboxes,
&c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive sub-
stances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, Salts, Iodine,
Mercury, Potash, Soda, Trinitrochloride, or
whenever it is dangerous to the Mails, or
likely to become offensive or injurious in
transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded
by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail
Packet. To India they are forwarded by
the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only,
to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No respon-
sibility is accepted with regard to any
parcel, unless Registered, and then only to
the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to con-
found these facilities with a Parcel Post in
Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules
be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be
registered or not, can be received for
Postage if it contains gold or silver
money, jewels, precious articles, or any-
thing that, as a general rule, is liable to
Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending
of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the
quantity sent be so small as to make the
sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as
follows:—
Books and Papers—To British Offices
5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.
Patterns—To British Offices, 5 lbs.; if with
cut, intrinsic value; to the Continent,
&c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.
The Post Office is not legally responsible
for the safe delivery of Registered correspon-
dence, but it is required to make good the
contents of such correspondence lost while
passing through the Post, to the extent of
\$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the
conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed
in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the
Postmaster General of Hongkong immedi-
ately the loss was discovered, the envelope
being invariably forwarded with such appli-
cation unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satis-
fied that the loss occurred whilst the corre-
spondence was in the custody of the British
Postal administration in China, that it was
not caused by any fault on the part of the
sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
person not in the employment of the
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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From the Gas Works to the P. & O. Co.'s Factory.
3. From P. & O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.
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